**Policy to set up SSI/cottage industries on Japan pattern**

71. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated steps to formulate a comprehensive policy for setting up of Small Scale/Cottage industries on the pattern of Japan in our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date;

(c) the time by when it is likely to be implemented in the country; and

(d) what are the specific reasons for not formulating such a policy in the country on the same pattern as being implemented in Japan?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (d) Over a period of time India, like other countries such as Japan, has evolved its unique policy for promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises (earlier called Small Scale Industries). The evolution of the Indian policy can be accessed at *www.dcmsme.gov.in*. Recently the Government has announced a Package for the Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) which, *inter- alia*, contains promotional support measures through legislation, credit, fiscal, cluster, technology and quality upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial and managerial training, empowerment of women, Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and strengthening of data base. This Package has been formulated keeping in view the requirements for enhancing competitiveness of MSEs in Indian environment. The implementation of the above Package for Promotion of MSEs has already been inititated after its announcement in both the Houses of the Parliament.

**Fast speed trains**

72. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start fast speed trains;

(b) the sectors/divisions where these trains are proposed to be started;

(c) whether necessary technical reports have been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) At present Ministry of Railways has proposed to initiate process of commissioning pre-feasibility studies for one corridor each in Eastern, Western, Northern and Southern part of the country.

(b) The sectors (corridors) will be decided in consultation with the State Governments concerned.

(c) Pre-feasibility survey will involve technical reports also.

(d) Does not arise.

**Rail coach factory in North-Eastern Region**

73. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up new railway coach factories in the country, particularly in the North-Eastern Regions during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and